

August 19, 2003

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 17, 2003, SBC Wisconsin was included as part of a 4 state application seeking approval to enter the long distance market in Wisconsin. I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission's quick consideration of this application.

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission went to considerable efforts to involve all parties in an exhaustive review of compliance with federal standards. I understand that this review in Wisconsin took about two years to complete. Clearly with this level of review and the Public Service Commission's ultimate recommendation, the time has come for their application to advance to the FCC.

Wisconsin stands to be one of the last states where the incumbent phone company is allowed to compete for long distance. The residents of Wisconsin stand to benefit from additional competition which is the primary reason for offering my support.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to write to you in behalf of SBC Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Herb Kohl
U.S. Senator